

HPAT 2024

Common questions about HPAT answered by MedEntry,
the leading and most trusted HPAT Preparation Institution



What is HPAT?

HPAT stands for Health Professions Admission Test. HPAT is an online, two and a half hour test consisting of multiple choice questions from three sections: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving, Interpersonal Understanding and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

What courses require HPAT?

You will need to sit HPAT if you are interested in any of the following courses:

| University | Course(s) |
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| UCD | Medicine |
| TCD | Medicine |
| RCSI | Medicine |
| UCC | Medicine |
| NUIG | Medicine |
| UL | MSc Occupational Therapy |
| | Msc Speech and Language Therapy |

What are the key dates for HPAT 2024?

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| HPAT registrations open | November 2023 |
| HPAT registrations close | 19 January 2024* |
| HPAT takes place | 16-25 February 2024 |
| HPAT results released | Late June 2024 |
| Deadline to apply to CAO | 1 February 2024 |

*Late registrations accepted until 2 February 2024

How can I register to sit HPAT?

You can register for HPAT by visiting hpat-ireland.acer.org/register. The fee to sit HPAT is €156.80. You can sit HPAT in your final year of high school (6th year) and any year thereafter.

Do I need to prepare for HPAT?

Yes! Many practicing doctors agree that HPAT is the most difficult test they faced in their medical career. Even students who obtain leaving cert points of 625 have missed out on a place in medicine due to a poor HPAT score. It is completely different to any other test you have sat at school. Quality preparation is therefore essential.

HPAT prep will also help with your school study as it enhances your thinking and test-taking skills.

But ACER/unis discourage HPAT preparation

There are many reasons for this. For example, the more you know about HPAT, the harder their job becomes. They also want a level playing field where all students have the same level of preparation for HPAT. Unfortunately, this does not exist. Informed and motivated students will prepare for HPAT, and MedEntry provides quality materials to help them do so.

What HPAT score do I need to get into medicine?

The minimum points required to get into medicine varies from year to year and between universities, but a total of at least 735 points is usually required.

This is the addition of:

- Your adjusted Leaving Certificate points
- Your HPAT overall score

Students who obtain higher than 550 points in the leaving certificate will have their points adjusted so that each additional 5 points achieved over 550 is adjusted to 1 point.

The maximum score that can be achieved in HPAT is theoretically 300, but anyone who gets more than 200 has done exceptionally well and is in the top 1% of candidates sitting HPAT.

Where can I get more information about HPAT?

Please visit www.MedEntry-hpat.ie for a free trial exam, free HPAT handbook, blogs about HPAT and to enrol in one of our HPAT preparation packages. You can also call or email us. Follow MedEntry on social media for HPAT tips and updates!

Why MedEntry?

MedEntry is a government-accredited Registered Training Organisation run by doctors and academics with 20 years' experience in preparing students for HPAT and its predecessor, UMAT. We are medical entry specialists - it is the only thing we do! The quality and extent of our resources is unparalleled. We get more students into medicine than all other prep courses combined.

For more information, please visit www.MedEntry-hpat.ie